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USUN HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM CHARGE D' AFFAIRES OF
IVORY COAST IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF AF GROUP
EXPRESSING AF GROUP' S CONCERN ABOUT PARTICIPATION OF
AMERICAN ATHLETES IN SOUTH AFRICAN GAMES. FOLLOWING IS
TEXT OF LETTER:

THE CHARGE' D' AFFAIRES A. I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF IVORY COAST TO THE UNITED NATIONS, IN
HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE AFRICAN GROUP FOR THE MONTH
OF MARCH 1973, PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES AND OBSERVERS TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND
HAS THE HONOUR TO BRING TO THEIR NOTICE AS FOLLOWS:

THE AFRICAN GROUP MET ON 19 MARCH 1973 TO CONSIDER
THE DECISION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES TO ORGANIZE
AN INTERNATIONAL GAMES FROM 23 MARCH TO 7 APRIL 1973
IN PRETORIA.

THE AFRICAN GROUP WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OF THE
POSSIBILITY OF CERTAIN MEMBER STATES GIVING A FAVOURABLE
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REPLY TO THIS INVITATION.

CONSIDERING THE RACIST AND DISCRIMINATORY POLICIES
OF THE AUTHORITIES IN PRETORIA, PARTICIPATION OF ANY
STATE IN THE GAMES WOULD NOT ONLY BE AGAINST THE PERTINENT
RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, BUT WOULD CONSTITUTE
A SUPPORT TO THE SEGREGATIONIST POLICIES OF SOUTH
AFRICA, WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS CONSTANTLY
CONDEMNED.

THE AFRICAN GROUP TO THE UNITED NATIONS, THEREFORE
APPEALS TO ALL STATES INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AT THE GAMES,
TO REFRAIN FROM GIVING THEIR SUPPORT TO SUCH AN UNDERTAKING
WHOSE REAL AIM IS CONTRARY TO UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS
AND THE OLYMPIC PRINCIPLE OF NON- DISCRIMINATION IN SPORTS.

THE CHARGE' D' AFFAIRES A. I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF IVORY COAST TO THE UNITED NATIONS
AVAILS HIMSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AND OBSERVERS TO THE UNITED
NATIONS THE ASSURANCES OF HIS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.
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